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DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN WITH REGARD TO THE ALLEGED

EXCHANGE WITH THE FRENCH (REFTEL):

BEGIN QUOTE: QUESTION: IS IT TRUE AS REPORTED IN THE
LEBANESE PRESS, THAT U.S. HAS IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE ASSURED
THE FRENCH THAT ISRAEL WILL KEEP ITS HANDS OFF SOUTH
LEBANON?

ANSWER: I HAVE SEEN THAT TICKER ITEM QUOTING A BEIRUT
NEWSPAPER. FIRST OF ALL LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THERE
IS NO SUCH NOTE NOR HAVE THERE BEEN ANY SUCH EXCHANGES
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WITH THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY. I MIGHT ADD THAT THE
U.S. HAS REPEATEDLY, MOST ESPECIALLY ON SEPTEMBER 23 OF
THIS YEAR, EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE,
NATIONAL UNITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND
COHESION, AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT
SARKIS IN WORKING SUCCESSFULLY TOWARD THESE GOALS.
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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